




I've been farming for four and a half years.

I haven't decided...

Is it work or play?

Mac MacMillan

The 2009 Knight Family Calendar



Maureen MacMillan

Is it Work or Play?

Christmas, 2008

The theme of our 2009 Knight Family Calendar is neatly expressed by Mac on the cover.
It needs no further elaboration.

P.S. Please make a frequent point of checking our family website at www.knightlines.com. It's a good way to receive information about family events, get the weather and news, look at slideshows, do a crossword, and much more. We also use it as our main way to distribute information as time comes to plan the next calendar.

Wishing all of you a happy 2009,

Love,

Denny

2008/11/23

Being a Farmer's Wife is my occupation. To date, I've cut off no tails with my carving knife!

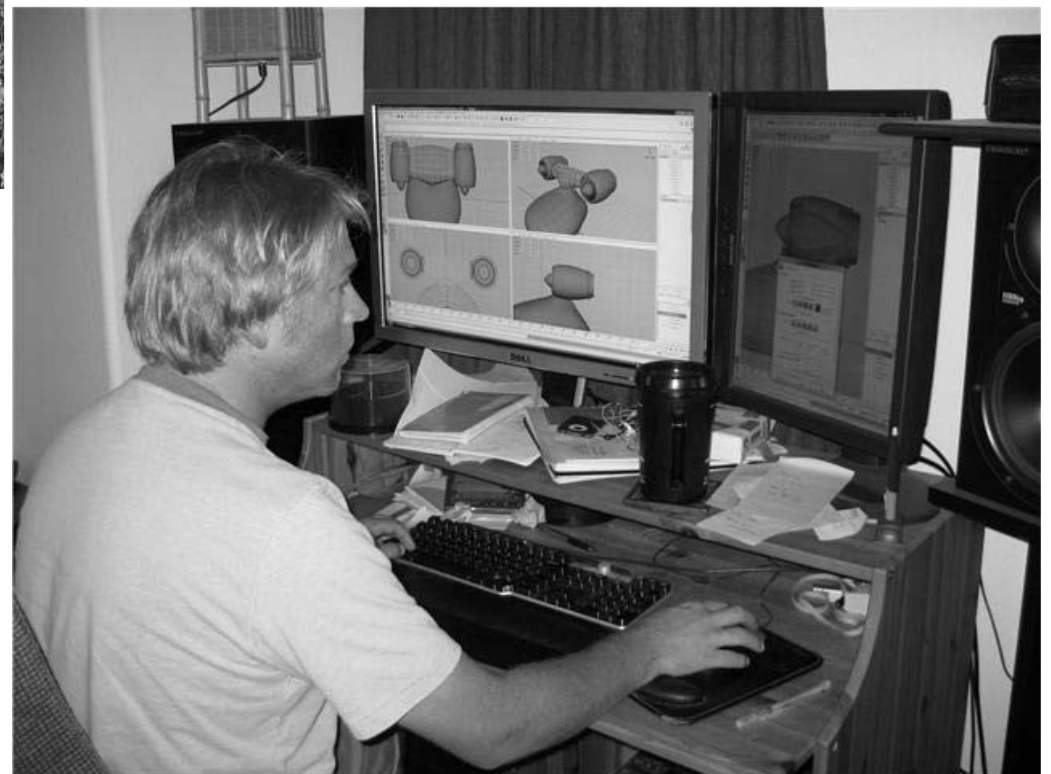


Cara MacMillan

I've worked as an Ecologist for the San Juan National Forest and Bureau of Land Management for almost five years. I study relationships among plants, animals (including humans), fungi, bacteria and their environment. One of my favorite living things to study is GRASS!

Brian Curtis

I just started working in the field of 3D Animation this year, doing crowd simulation (basically making hundreds of computer animated characters fiddle around onscreen in various ways) for The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor. It's a blast working alongside people with whom I share much in common, namely an abnormal obsession with movies, video games and comic books. I'll soon be working on a movie called 2012, doing some character animation as well as more crowd work.



Barb Collins

I work in North Platte's Bailey Yards as a helper on the ND36 job. It's so much fun, it's more like playing than working. No miniature toy train sets for me. I will take the real ones, thank you.



Gene Goodnough

"The Art of Retirement." Gene has been fully retired from the electrical trade for the past ten years. He not only worked in the trade for 39 years, but served two terms as president of Local #357. He now looks forward to playing cards with a group of retirees at the union hall each Wednesday morning. Gene, having a competitive nature, enjoys this weekly routine but, more importantly, likes to keep in touch with his old working buddies. Gene's partner in crime is Pierre, his fluffy white companion. This little dog certainly matches Gene's mischievousness – they're like two peas in a pod. What these two do all day is top secret, but Kathi hopes to get to the bottom of it when she is able to retire herself.



Brett Collins

Working on my laptop at home. I take classes at night and work for a construction company in Lincoln Nebraska during the day.





Dan MacMillan

Hello from Wahoo, This past year I accepted a position in the Insulators and Asbestos Local 39. The opportunity has opened new relationships and has diversified my knowledge. I have worked at Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) on the turbines that send electricity to several thousand households throughout Nebraska. Currently in this picture you see me at the new Google facilities in Council Bluffs were I am helping to insulate pipes for this massive computer interface company. It is very interesting and has opened a whole new window of opportunities for me.

Joleen Knight

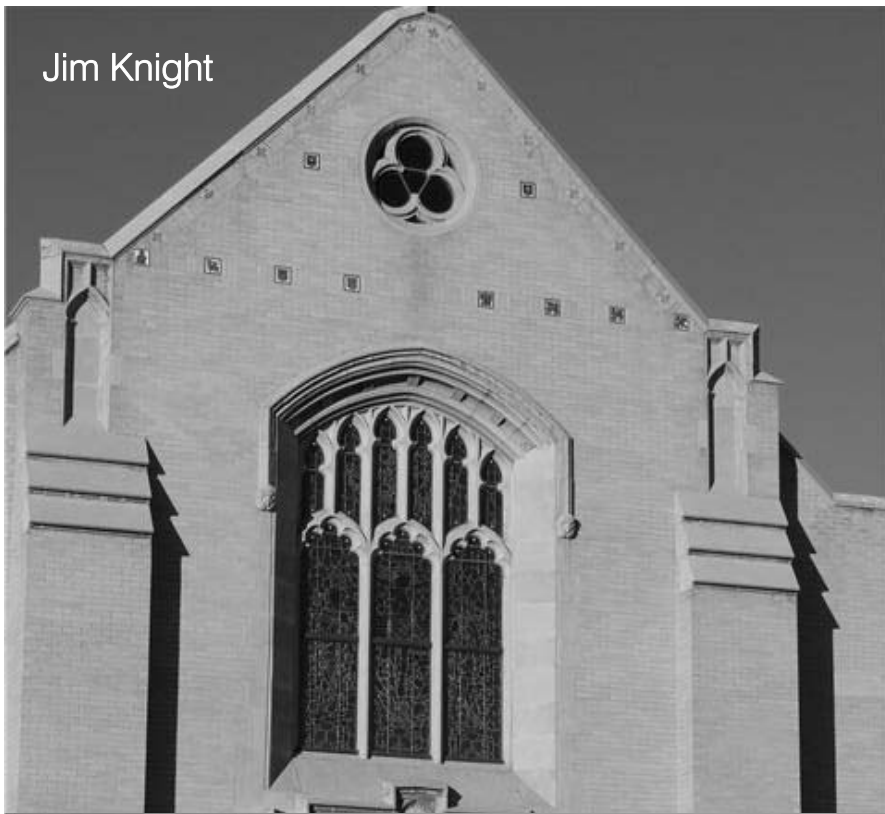
I am currently working at the University of Washington Medical Center as a night-shift labor and delivery nurse in high-risk obstetrics. I feel really honored to welcome the next generation into the world and support families at such a life changing time. Some of the happiest and saddest moments of my life have happened on this floor and it is a constant learning experience. I love what I do and look forward to becoming a child-birth educator later this year.



Jessi Carstensen

I'm working full time towards a bachelor's degree, full time mothering my daughter, Ciara, and part-time at a telemarketing firm.

Jim Knight

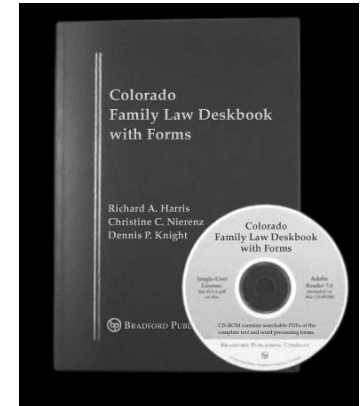


I retired in March from St. Lawrence Church.
I pick Angel up from school every day.
I will probably line up a part time retirement job in 2009.



Denny Knight

I've worked as a paralegal in the field of family law for many years, and currently do "special projects", which can mean just about anything on any day, but usually it means I'm expected to use my noggin. In 2008 I co-authored a forms book on Colorado family law. I will partly retire in January of '09 by cutting to four days a week, with alternating Mondays and Fridays off (resulting in alternating 4 day weekends!) I haven't made any commitments for my time off except to enjoy it.



Christi Clay

I am a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist who provides mental health services for individuals, families, couples, adults, and children. I have been working as a private practitioner for the past eight years. Ever since I was a little girl, I always liked helping people and here I am today. At times my job can be quite challenging and emotionally exhausting but I love what I do. Being a therapist simply energizes me! I have met some amazing people over the years who I admire for their courage and life persistence and I always feel so honored that people are willing to share and trust me as we explore their past, their present, and their future,

I would love to submit some pictures of me working, but darn it, I am camera shy and there is this legal issue called confidentiality. I don't have people lay on a couch while I smoke a pipe or stroke my beard even though my office is located in an old Victorian house in the downtown area of Colorado Springs. My office feels like a home full of warmth and safety. I also have a dog named Jessie that I sometimes bring with me. I call her my therapy dog but really that is just an excuse to bring my dog to work.



Kathi Goodnough

"Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend". Kathi has worked in office administration for over 32 years. She has worked for banks, non-profit and government agencies, event services, and is currently employed at a family-owned jewelry store. There's not a lot of glamour in this career path but the friends and associations made along the way have been priceless. She feels blessed to have had steady employment but looks forward to retirement in ? years. And possibly then she just might figure out what Gene and Pierre do all day!

Kate Maxfield

I am a surgical resident at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center. I work in a hospital with an underserved population.

My greatest reward is helping people through their most troubled times. I love the technical aspects of surgery, as well as the on-the-spot decision making that surgery requires. I have been in my medical training for 7 (lucky?) years and sometimes work more than 100 hours a week. But I love this environment, the challenges I face, and the daily learning I go through. As for the future, God only knows. It seems now that life can only hold more long hours.



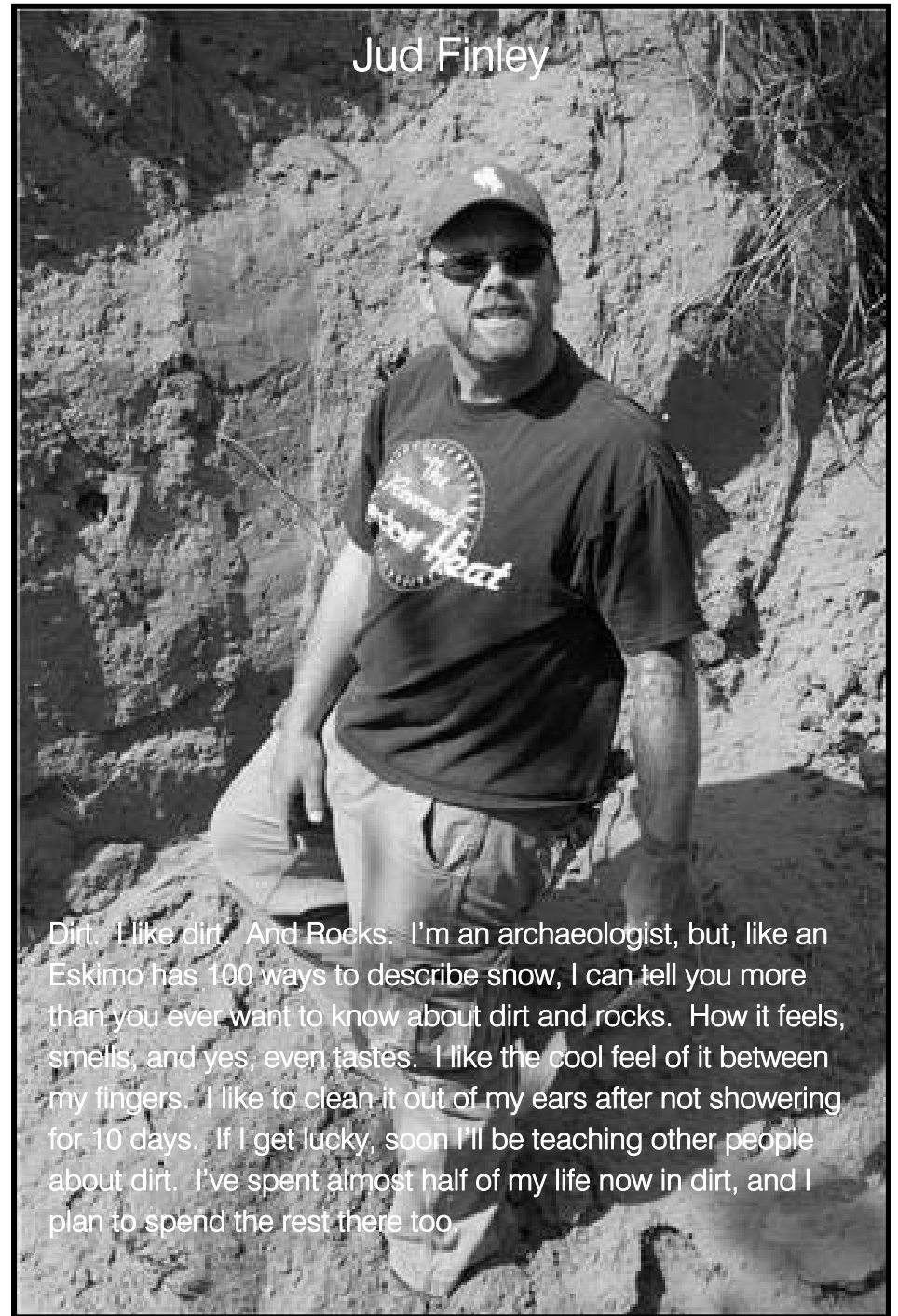
Andrea MacMillan



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I have been employed for 8 years in Environmental Services at the Great Plains Medical Center. The thing I enjoy most about my job is the people I work with.

Jud Finley



Dirt. I like dirt. And Rocks. I'm an archaeologist, but, like an Eskimo has 100 ways to describe snow, I can tell you more than you ever want to know about dirt and rocks. How it feels, smells, and yes, even tastes. I like the cool feel of it between my fingers. I like to clean it out of my ears after not showering for 10 days. If I get lucky, soon I'll be teaching other people about dirt. I've spent almost half of my life now in dirt, and I plan to spend the rest there too.

Becky Knight

I am a general surgeon and have been in practice with Foothills Surgical Associates in Wheat Ridge, Colorado since I finished my residency in 2001. I remember calling my dad to tell him I got this job, at the age of 33. After 4 years of college, 4 years of medical school, and 6 years of residency, all he could muster was "Finally". I can't think of another job where you can meet a complete stranger and within about 30 minutes have a very personal discussion about problems of an often delicate nature, have them completely undress for a thorough exam, then tell them you are going to cut them open as a means of healing them, and they say "Thank you" at the end of it. Since I began my practice I have never lacked for work to do. Most of it involves pushing a pen rather than wielding a scalpel. But I do get to do a wide range of surgery when I do operate: repair hernias, remove lungs and livers and colons, treat breast cancers, stop bleeding ulcers, hemorrhoidectomies... (Don't tell my mom about that last one. She might not be so proud of me if she actually knew what I do every day.) But I also get to hold a lot of hands and let people cry on my shoulder. I suspect the future will hold an increasing number of patients with more complex problems as our population ages and fewer surgeons are trained. There will always be advances in the technology of performing surgery - ever something new to learn and master. Surgeons are now removing gallbladders by inserting tubes through the mouth and going through the stomach as opposed to making incisions on the abdominal wall. (Grandpa might say, "Well, I'll be damned!") I get to meet a lot of people from diverse backgrounds and in varying states of health, and at the end of the day I am reminded that we are all the same, we all come from the same source, and ultimately all return to it. It is very humbling to enter into a relationship where someone can literally put their life in your hands. I am eminded of how important it is for each of us to share the gifts we have been given, to "let our lights shine" as Grandma would tell me, and to see the ripple effect it has on the lives of others. Patients feel better, their pain is relieved, they return to meaningful lives. I am continually amazed at how the benefits of doing what I get to do every day are always returned to me in great abundance. But my favorite part of being a surgeon is getting to wear pajamas to work.



Jamie Mora

Jamie works at Laramie Auto Parts. He has worked there about 6 years and he has a loyal following of customers. Jamie also has three part time jobs, and keeps very busy with his family. He coaches Angel's and Antonio's soccer teams and is a committeeman in one of the soccer leagues.



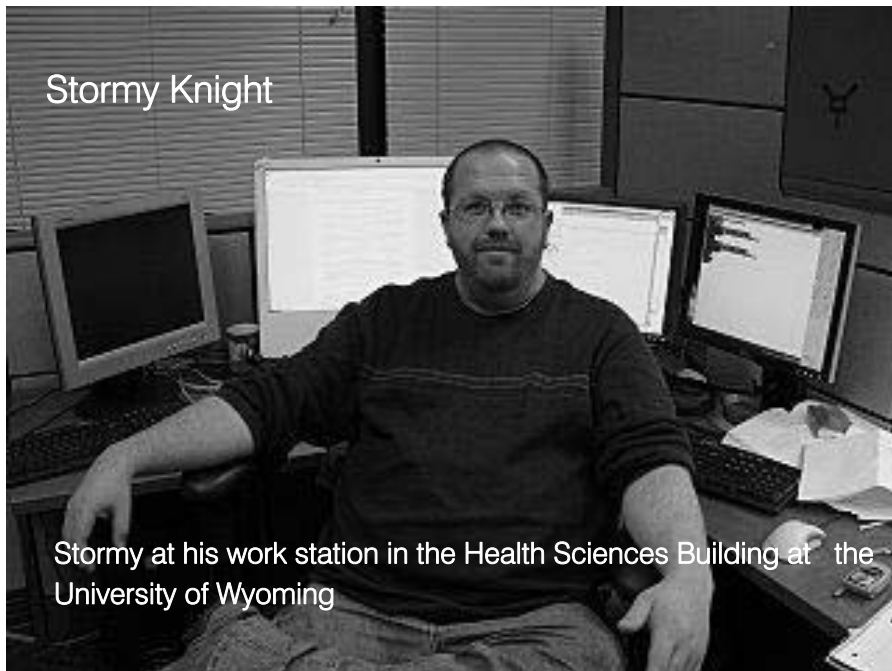
Mary Knight

Mary getting Reghan (l) & Allison settled down for naps.



Thomas Knight

I mostly play with Denver Taiko. I also collaborate with my friend Phil in a unique duo we call T'n'T (Taiko 'n Tunes). We started in 2008, and we're picking up gigs.



Stormy Knight

Stormy at his work station in the Health Sciences Building at the University of Wyoming

In 1995, I created a website called NewAdvent.org. I've been working on it ever since, and for the past six years, it has been my full-time job. I guess my official title would be Webmaster -- which in many ways is probably very similar to being a Sombrero Repairman, but with fewer sombreros and lots more computers.

When my sister Becky heard about the theme of this year's calendar, she said, "That's great. Now maybe we can figure out what Kevin does all day." I hope this finally clears it up for you, sis.



Kevin Knight



Charlie MacMillan

Charlie setting out bad orders at the oscar before heading East. Charlie has worked as a UPRR conductor/switchman since 1998. He runs trips to Marysville, Kansas, which takes about 30 hours roundtrip.

Jill MacMillan

I'm an RN in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at UCLA Medical Center. I've been here since August 2005. The best part of my job is seeing patients who weren't expected to live (or had very complicated hospital stays) come back for a visit. I am so thankful that I have a job that appears to be recession proof and has so much flexibility. Full-time is just 3 days a week. How can you beat that?



Rosie Knight

For the past six years I have been working part-time at the Carmody Recreation Center. Carmody is one of four recreation centers that the City of Lakewood owns. I normally work on Monday and Tuesdays for 6 ½ hours each day. I work at the front desk so my duties include checking in the patrons, answering the phone, registering people for the various classes and programs offered and listening to their complaints.

Jerry Knight

Like Rosie, I work part-time at the Carmody Recreation Center where we have both been for over six years. I go in at 4:30 am, five days a week. I spend about a half-hour getting things ready, then skim through the morning paper and open the doors at 5:15 am. There are always people lined up at the door waiting to get in and, since I am usually working alone until about 8:00am, I can be quite busy at times. I get off at 8:30 am, so the work doesn't break up the day.

I have really enjoyed working at Carmody because of the nice group of people who come in to the facility and because there is little pressure involved. My shift is a little different from the rest of the day because so many who come in early in the day are regulars. It is quite a mix of people, including students who come in before school, professionals who come in before going to work, master swimmers who swim every day, police officers and fire fighters who stop in to swim or work out, and retirees (some into their upper 80's).



Seeing the same people day after day often results in a routine. For most of the people, especially the older ones, it is a social time as much as a time for working out. Some people like to joke while others are very serious about their workouts and don't want any distractions. Some unload their problems on me as if I was a bartender. Some routinely insult me, and I return the favor. There is a group of women who come in for a class who delight in trying to make me blush, which is easy to do.

Working at Carmody has been very good for both Rosie and me. Wherever we go now in the Lakewood area we see people we know. This would not have happened without this job.



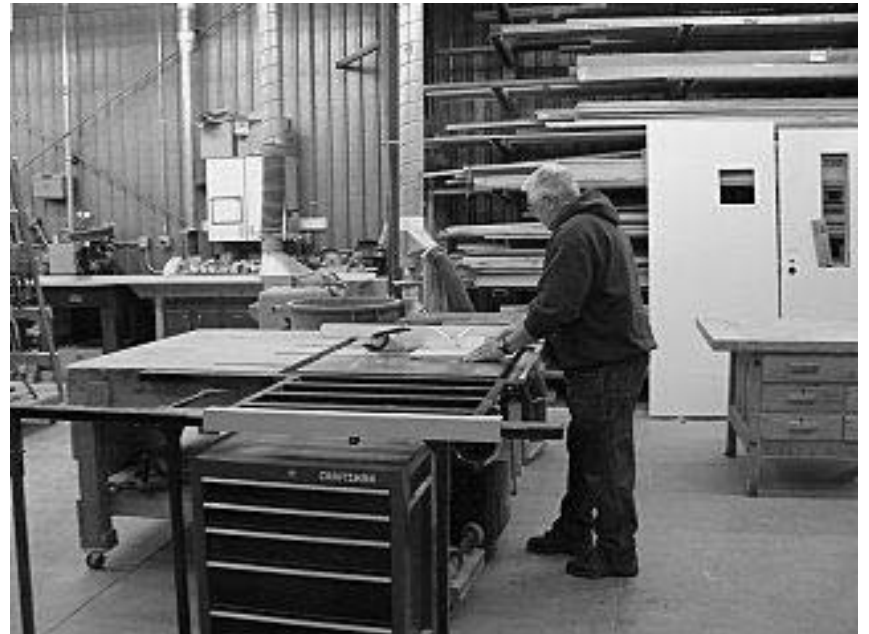
Sheki Mora

I work at the University of Wyoming Foundation. We manage private gifts/donations made to UW. My job title is Office Associate, Senior and I am the assistant to the Foundation Vice President and Director of Planned Giving. I've been at UW for 3 1/2 years and with the Foundation for 2 years.



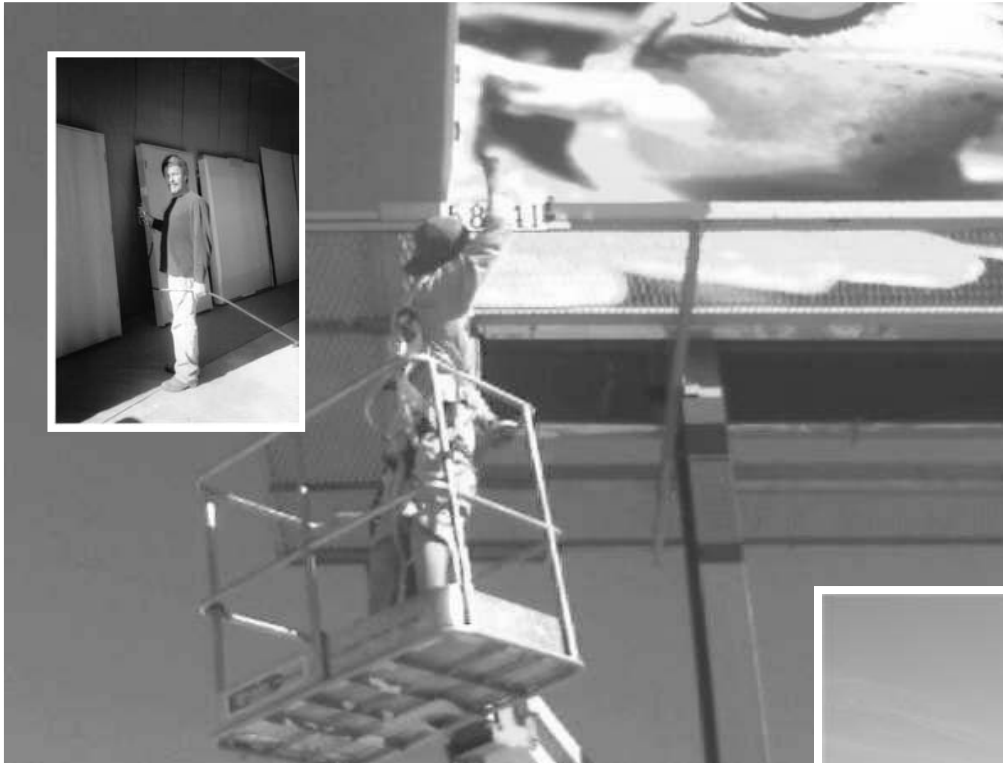
Kelly MacMillan

Kelly is a Merchant Fraud Agent at PayPal. She reviews accounts from all over the world and determines what are fraudulent activities, from stolen financials, identity theft, and fraudulent activities deemed unacceptable by the Federal Government, files appropriate paperwork. PayPal is the largest online financial provider in the world and, teamed with eBay and Skype they are certainly going to remain among the most popular ways to pay online.



Mick Knight

Mick makes a saw cut at the Albany County School District 1 Maintenance Shop.



Nick and Nicholas MacMillan

Nicholas is painting the structural steel that supports billboards. He had several of these to paint throughout town, and they had to use a boom truck in order to reach them. Nick is spraying doors at his shop. Nick owns the 3D Painting Company in North Platte.

Vince MacMillan

I've worked as an Archaeologist for the San Juan National Forest and Bureau of Land Management for eight years. I can't believe I get paid to explore my favorite part of the country! Woohoo!

